

Harpeth Hall honors 150 years

BY PRIYA PATEL AND ELEONOR WRIGHT
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MODERN TAKE ON HARPETH HALL'S LOGO: 150th anniversary symbol representing our school's history. Graphic by Lauren Finney

The start of school is always exciting, but this school year especially stands out. In September, Harpeth Hall will be commemorating its 150th anniversary making it one of the oldest all girls college preparatory schools in the South.

Dr. William Ward and his wife, Eliza Ward, opened Ward Seminary in September 1865. The two had dreams for the school to become one of the nation's most prestigious institutions for young women. In 1913 they decided to merge with local Belmont College for Young Women and operate as a college preparatory school, music conservatory and junior college. Almost four decades later, Ward Belmont reopened as the Harpeth Hall School. The history of Harpeth Hall is also captured in historian Dr. Pethel's book, "All Girls Education from Ward Seminary to Harpeth Hall, 1865-2015."

Although Sept. 2 is Harpeth Hall's official birthday, that is not the only day of celebration. This upcoming year will be full of fun events honoring the special landmark. The new green and white banners replacing the familiar dark green ones hanging around campus signify the preparation for this exciting year.

Lauren Finney, Harpeth Hall's own graphic designer, was asked to create a fresh new logo designed for the 150th Anniversary.

"I began looking for ideas in the archival images. As I looked at an image of the impressive old Ward Seminary doors, the carved magnolia representing beauty and strength became my inspiration," said Pethel. "It seemed the perfect symbol to anchor the words, Ward Seminary, Ward-Belmont, Harpeth Hall, 1865-2015, and to convey the rich history of Harpeth Hall."

This year Harpeth Hall will honor the strong history of Ward Seminary, Belmont College, Ward-Belmont and Harpeth Hall through many different events on campus and in the community. Some upcoming community events include the Sesquicentennial celebration next spring and a Plaid Dash 5K in March. On campus students can look forward to the Founders Day Assembly this September.

"Sunday on Souby is quickly approaching and Mrs. Mamenta is eager for student involvement that day as Harpeth Hall will be adding several new and fun 150th twists to the day including an Archival Exhibit in the Junior Lobby and period costumes from the Ward Seminary era," said Mrs. Callen, alumna and 150th Anniversary Coordinator. This year, students will be able to enjoy many fun activities to recognize 150 years of great education for young girls.

New year brings new teachers

New Department Chair of Visual Arts Ms. Cameron Noel shares positive excitement

BY PRIYA PATEL
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Back to school means familiar faces. It is the time to reunite with friends whom one has not seen all summer, to catch up with last year's teachers and to share summer stories. However, back to school also brings some new faces, teachers as well as students.

This year, the honeybear nation warmly welcomes Dr. Leslie Chamberlain, the new physics and AP Physics teacher; Dr. Jessie Adams, the new Service Learning Coordinator; and Ms. Carmen Noel, the new Visual Arts Department Chair.

Ms. Noel will be joining the Harpeth Hall community as an upper-school art teacher. She attended Mercy Academy, an all-girls high school in Kentucky. In fact, this is one of the key reasons why she wanted to teach at Harpeth Hall. After graduating, she attended Vanderbilt University where she majored in studio art and spent time running track and cross country. Before she decided to embrace the honeybear society, Ms. Noel taught art classes at LEAD Academy High School for six years.

As a new faculty member, Ms. Noel is both excited and nervous. She is especially looking forward to

working alongside her good friend Ms. Emy Noel.

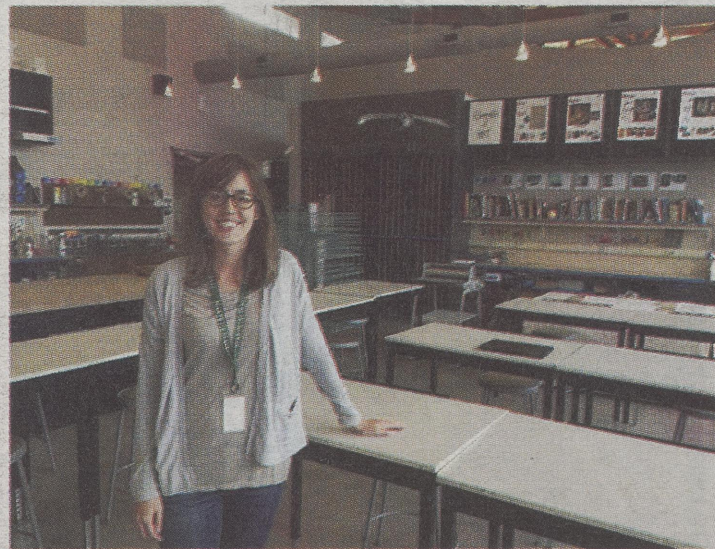
"She has shared with me how much she enjoys working at Harpeth Hall and encouraged me to apply for the art position," said Ms. Carmen Noel.

Ms. Noel is also anxious to meet the students of Harpeth Hall. She has already met numerous students through the Harpeth Hall cross-country team, but she is especially excited to get to know her art and advisory students. "I am also eager to work, plan, brainstorm and share ideas with the other art teachers," she said.

Learning the names of students is the one thing about which Ms. Noel is concerned. "It has been a while since I've had to learn names," she said. Nonetheless, she wants students to know that she is trying, and they should not hesitate to correct or remind her.

Ms. Noel has been hard at work organizing and decorating her classroom. "It is really important to me that students feel welcome in the space, so it has been rewarding to transform that space a bit to make it fresh and new," she said.

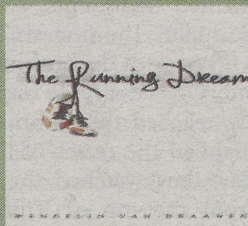
Ms. Noel anticipates her first day just as much as the new students and is eager to start the 2015-2016 year.



ARTIST ON THE MOVE: New art teacher and cross country coach prepares her classroom for the first day of school. Photo by Adam Wilman



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Hendricks rules Chick-fil-A roost

BY MARY GRACE KELLEY AND ELEANOR SMITH
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This summer, senior Keely Hendricks decided to trade in her books for a position in the work force.

Hendricks chose to “eat more chicken.” “I wanted to get a taste of the real world and get outside of the protected, private school bubble I’ve been in my whole life. I chose Chick-fil-A because I’d always been so impressed by their employees, and I love milkshakes,” said Hendricks. While at work, Hendricks received plenty of lessons about the work force and her fellow co-workers.

“I think I’ve learned as much from this job as I have from any of my travels or summer camps, if not more,” said Hendricks. “I met people from all over the world, like Sudan and Vietnam.”

In addition to what she learned from her co-workers, she also learned how to scrub urinals, make milkshakes and take strange orders with a straight face. Hendricks said, “I was definitely humbled at times, but I’m even more empowered by knowing that I have a first job under my belt.”

While fast food work has a negative connotation to many, Hendricks’s experience showed such jobs can be very challenging. A job at Chick-fil-A requires no college degree, but that does not mean that anyone can do it. Hendricks and her co-workers dealt with lunch-rush lines and complicated orders. Not to mention, they have to handle unhappy customers with grace.

“I learned that no one is too high and mighty for a job at a fast food restaurant,” said Hendricks. I also now have a much greater appreciation for people in the food-service industry and for polite customers who take the time to ask me how I’m doing and call me by my name.”

Like any new experience, expectations of what might occur can soon be proven incorrect.

“What surprised me most was how unprepared and incompetent I felt my first few weeks,” said Hendricks. “I thought coming in that I would blow everyone away by



MY PLEASURE: Hendricks handing over a soft served cone at Chick-fil-A. Photo courtesy of Keely Hendricks

my critical thinking skills, thanks to Harpeth Hall, but I found that the work was challenging in ways I had not even anticipated. I exploded milkshakes daily, gave someone a bag full of ranch dipping sauce instead of their meal in the drive-thru and accidentally cleaned the ice cream machine with a poisonous chemical instead of soap (We re-washed

it, of course.) I only got by thanks to the patience of my co-workers, who insisted my huge mistakes were ‘normal.’”

Harpeth Hall teaches its students to think critically, lead confidently and to live honorably. Hendricks might not have a college degree yet, but she was able to display Harpeth Hall’s mantra.

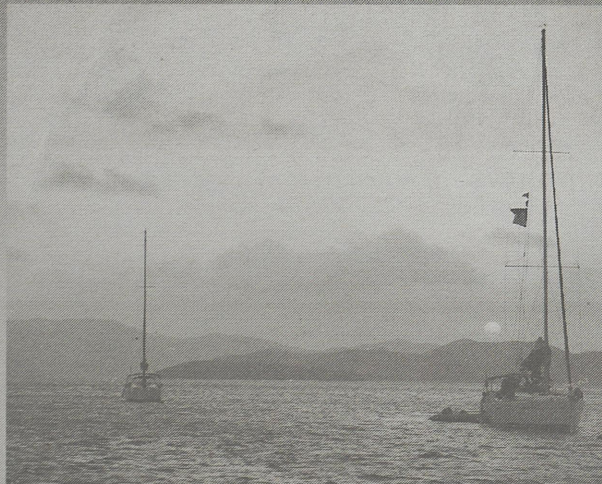
Bon voyage: Bears adventure all

BY ELEANOR SMITH
Features Editor

For the students and faculty of Harpeth Hall, summer break is often an optimal time to go on adventures that they may lack time for during the school year. While many spend the sunnier months basking in the sun by a pool, others travel to more distant and exotic locales. Some such Honeybears who left Nashville for some new adventures include sophomore Hailey Fox, junior Mary Kate Roach and senior Wynne Briggs, each of whom

traveled great distances to gain new experiences. All three of these students went on extreme treks during the summer months. While one student climbed a famous mountain in Africa, another explored Yosemite National Park and the other sailed through the British Virgin Islands. While different, these experienced proved enriching and fun, if not a little exhausting too.

Senior Wynne Briggs spent three weeks of her summer with the adventure company Action Quest and sailed around on a catamaran in the British Virgin Islands. On her adventure, she visited the islands Tortola, Jost Van Dyke and Virgin Gorda. Briggs lived with 10 other people whom she had never met before. A typical day aboard the catamaran involved waking up to the smell of breakfast. After breakfast, she and her peers scuba dived. In the afternoon, her crew sailed to a different diving site to dive into the depths of the ocean and explore all of the sea creatures the island coasts have to offer. Briggs came away from the trip with a love for diving and a certification as an advanced open water diver.



DISCOVERING THE DEPTHS OF THE BVIs: Senior Wynne Briggs sailing around the British Virgin Islands on a catamaran. Photo by Wynne Briggs



STANDING AT THE HIGHEST PEAK OF AFRICA: Sophomore Hailey Fox summiting Mt. Kilimanjaro with her dad at sunrise. Photo by Hailey Fox

Sophomore Hailey Fox took on the nine day challenge of climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro in Arusha, Tanzania over summer break. Her father accompanied her on the arduous journey. They spent the day hiking until they reached their next campsite. Once they arrived at the campsite, they pitched their tents, ate dinner and slept for the night. The first six days of their ascent they hiked with the goal of reaching the next campsite. On the seventh day, Fox and her father finally reached the summit where they spent the night in the crater of the mountain. The next day, they watched the sunrise over Tanzania from the top of Kilimanjaro then hiked downhill all day to reach their last campsite. Fox and her dad ended their journey when they reached the base of Kilimanjaro.

Junior Mary Kate Roach traveled out west to Yosemite National Park this summer with Moondance Adventures where she met 12 other students her age and two leaders. On her trip, she backpacked for five days in the backcountry of the Eastern Sierra Mountains. Roach also white water rafted the American River through the Tahoe National Forest where she took on massive rapids and saw incredible canyons. She also rock climbed in the Tuolumne Meadows of Yosemite where climbers from all over attempt to climb. Lastly, Roach attended mountaineering school in order to prepare for her climb of Mt. Shasta. Her summit of Shasta included waking up at 1 a.m. and reaching the top at 9 a.m. Once at the summit of 14,179 feet, she watched the sun rise over California.



TREKKING THE SNOWY SLOPES OF SHASTA: Junior Mary Kate Roach using her mountaineering skills to summit the peak of Mt. Shasta in California. Photo by Mary Kate Roach

Hall talk: Homecoming

BY AUGUSTA BOWHAY
Opinions Editor

It starts subtly, a whisper even. Within the span of a day, the whisper soon morphs into a buzzing frenzy that composes countless conversations. Excitement, questions, anxiety...it is almost time for Homecoming.

While MBA Homecoming, which is set to take place on Oct. 4, is certainly not the only homecoming dance, it is the one that looms largest on Harpeth Hall's campus. While it is early, I would like to address the MBA Homecoming conversation that is soon to be dominating Harpeth Hall.

The frenzy that fills the halls makes sense. Attending an all-girls school, many students dream of a that model/football player dramatically exiting the game to ask her to Homecoming...in slow motion, of course. Everything seems magical and perfect.

That dream, however, causes stress. Where does one all of a sudden find model football boys? Or, how does one get the perfect boy to ask? Is there a Tobi dress that follows the dress guidelines? Then, there is the thought that, if not asked to Homecoming, you will end up alone at home watching your friends' snapchat stories all night.

This anxiety is unnecessary, because, believe it or not, Homecoming really is not all it seems to be.

Being asked to Homecoming may seem like the ultimate social status test. Many freshmen worry about not being asked at all. When I was a freshman, my concern was the same. Not being from Nashville, I thought I was doomed. My friends were being asked by random freshman boys left and right, and there I was, unchosen, thinking my life was undoubtedly over. Little did I know, my 'social status' would not be affected what-

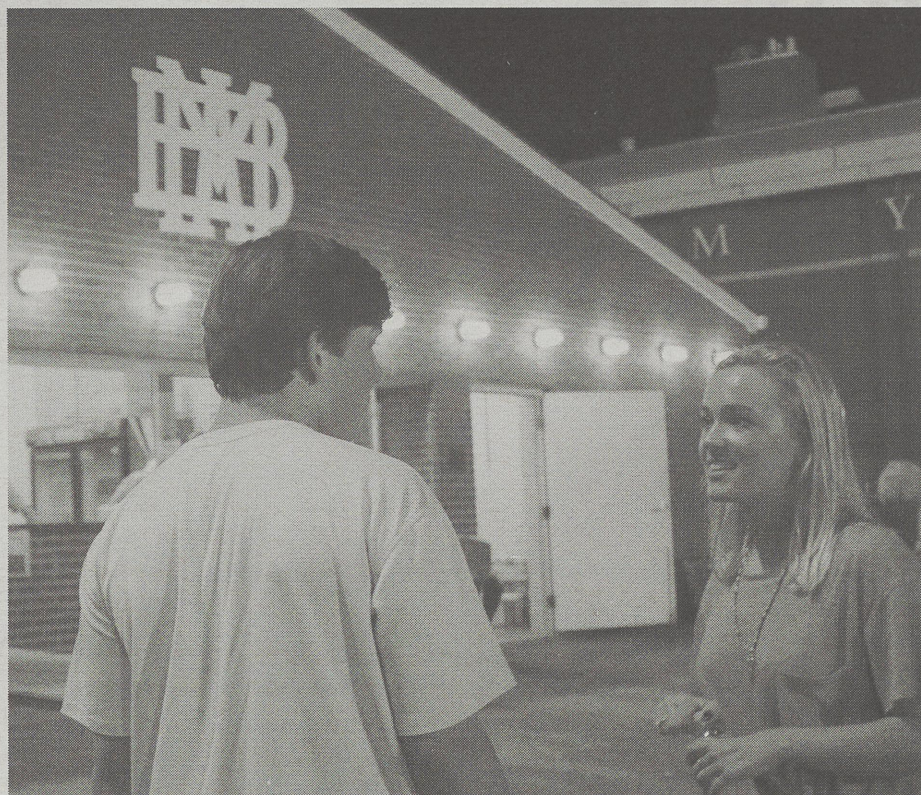
soever by my attendance at my freshman homecoming. There was no cool upperclassman to tell me that it is not the end of the world to not get asked, or even that Homecoming is a little overrated.

Now I get the chance to talk to upperclassmen about their true opinions on Homecoming. When asked about Homecoming, senior Mary Grace Kelley said, "Yes, as a Freshman, I thought it was the biggest deal, which is totally normal to think, but honestly, you could have just as much fun eating ice cream and watching a chick flick with your mom at home than at the actual dance itself." Junior Kelsey Kay Herring adds, "Your high school experience won't be ruined if you don't go. Remember to keep everything in perspective. It's just one dance."

Homecoming is fun, but it is not the perfect night everyone might expect. It is easy to be tricked with social media. One would never know that the girl posting countless snapchat stories with her friends

had an unfortunate date who refrained from speaking to her all night. It's important to keep in mind, especially regarding Homecoming, that life is not perfect, no matter how many flawless Instagram posts a girl has with her date. Homecoming is not a night of perfection.

If you do go to Homecoming, try not to get too caught up in the stress and possible awkwardness. If you don't go, remember it is not the end of the world, and in fact, it is an opportunity to have a fun night with your own plans.



HOMECOMING CONFRONTATION STARTING EARLY: Freshman Ann Elizabeth Blackburn and MBA freshman Zach Smith at a football game. Photo by Emma Wise

'The Running Dream': Worth the run?

BY BUSHRA RAMAN
Opinions Editor

Many of Harpeth Hall's faculty and students this summer can be found with their nose in "The Running Dream" by Wendelin Van Draanen, the summer reading book selected for this year. This year's all-school-read, as well as the summer reading program as a whole was sponsored by Harpeth Hall's esteemed donor, the Carroll family.

"The Running Dream" is told from the perspective of Jessica Carlisle, a 16 year old girl for whom running is everything, who faces a life altering bus accident which causes her to lose one of her legs from the knee down. Jessica now must confront her disability in conjunction with life as a high-schooler.

The novel was met with mixed emotions by the student body. Some students such as sophomore Dhara Patel viewed the book as a reminder of the power of positivity and perseverance, regardless of whether or not it applies to sports. Patel had even read the book before and enjoyed it all over again this summer "because of its positive message to try your hardest, even if you have fallen down." Being a runner herself,

Patel found this book especially exciting and relatable.

However, sophomore runner Kaili Wang has a different view on "The Running Dream." Wang admits to finding the story of Jessica inspirational, but some aspects of the book also seem unrealistic to her. She found parts of the book such as the bitterness of Jessica's rival, Vanessa, exaggerated and thinks the book has "a cheesy tone overall and was somewhat melodramatic in its writing." Wang agrees that the book as a whole is positive and uplifting, "but at times, the reader's suspension of belief got in the way of the inspiration."

Personally after reading the book, I felt the story was moving and had valuable morals in it. Although I felt the "The Running Dream" was worth reading, I also thought it was a little cheesy and overdone in some parts.

Although "The Running Dream" may have had weak spots for some students, other students thought the story was compelling and motivating, as the all school read is ideally sought out to be each year.

"If the mind's not strong, the body acts weak, even if it's not. If the mind says it's too cold or too rainy or too windy to run, the body will be more than happy to agree. If the mind says it would be better to rest or recover or cut practice, the body will be glad to oblige."

-Wendelin Van Draanen, "The Running Dream"



BOOK BOUNDARIES: Students have mixed reviews on mandatory reading. Photo by Elizabeth Leader, former EIC

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STAY ALIVE ON THE SAFARI RIDE

A survival guide to the new school year

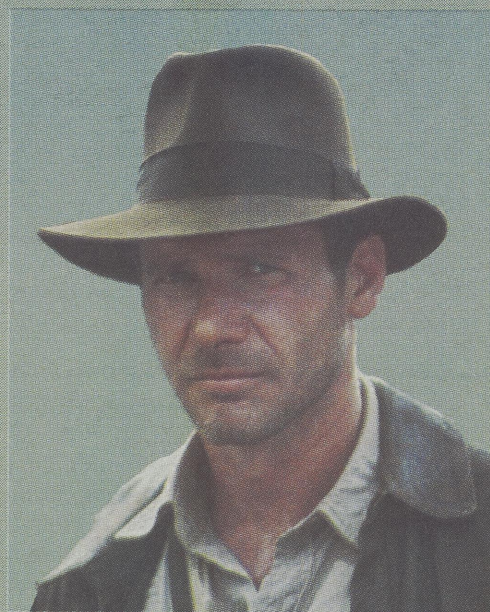
Does anyone else feel that innate flashback to one's childhood when they think about the senior theme for the 2015-16 school year? From memorizing the lyrics to Phil Collins musical masterpieces in Tarzan, to learning the true meaning of "hakuna matata," the safari life is close to the heart of the class of 2016.

As bittersweet as it is to say farewell to the class of 2015 and all their good vibes, it is the class of 2016's time.

Characteristically, safaris are known for new experiences, excitement and adventure. To survive a treacherous safari, one has to be resilient and ready for a challenge. As the class of 2016 assumes the name Safari Chicks of 2016, it will be their goal to lead the rest of the Upper School into feeling brave enough to face new challenges, resilient enough to bounce back after a failure and enthusiastic in all pursuits.

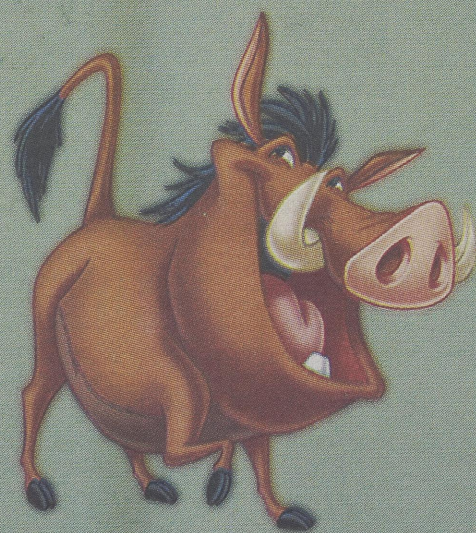
As the Harpeth Hall community gears up for their trek into the wild that is the 2015-2016 school year, various characters offer their expertise in the art of survival. After all, who is better to offer advice on surviving the high school "jungle" than Mean Girls' Cady Heron?

BY CLAIRE GOULD, KEELY HENDRICKS AND GRACIE POPE
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**"SURVIVAL IS TAKING OFF YOUR
NON-HARPETH HALL OUTER-
WEAR BEFORE YOU ENTER THE
BUILDING!"**

-Gracie Pope, Logos Editor-in-Chief



**"SURVIVAL CAN BE SUMMED UP IN THREE WORDS--NEVER GIVE UP.
THAT'S THE HEART OF IT REALLY. JUST KEEP TRYING."**

-Bear Grylls, on chemistry class

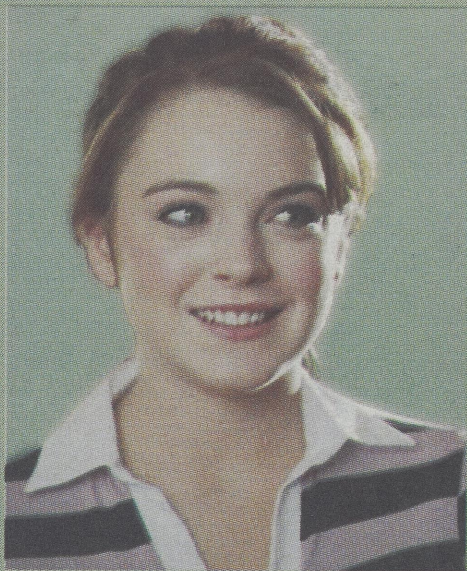


**"DON'T BE AFRAID OF ANIMALS, THEY'RE JUST PUT
ON THIS EARTH TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT AND
EVERYTHING LIKE THAT."**

*-Bindi Irwin, with an allegorical quip on not
fearing your teachers. Go get some math help!*

"DON'T CALL ME JUNIOR!"

-Indiana Jones, on his excitement of finally being a senior

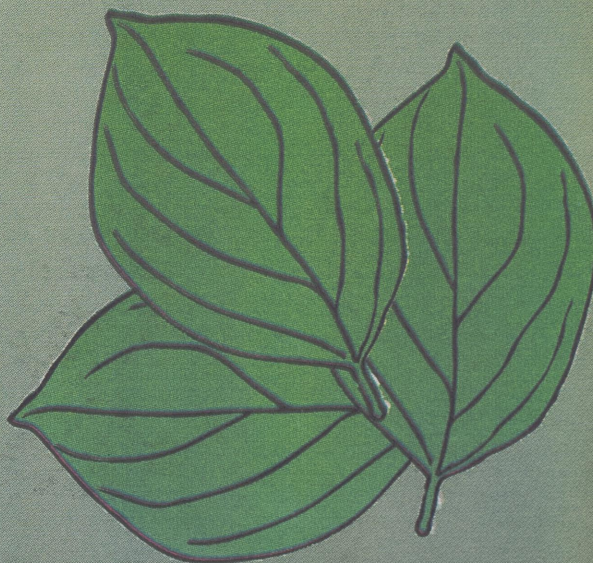


"IT WAS FULL-TILT JUNGLE MADNESS."

-Cady Heron, on the Harpeth Hall lunchroom



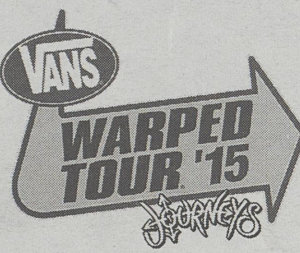
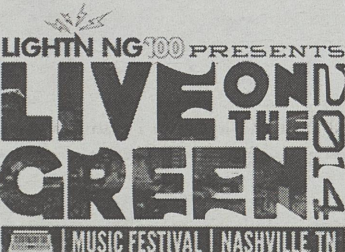
**"HAKUNA MATATA! WHAT A WONDERFUL PHRASE.
HAKUNA MATATA! AIN'T NO PASSING CRAZE! IT
MEANS NO WORRIES FOR THE REST OF YOUR DAYS."**

-Pumbaa, after the last-block on a Friday



Festival fever hits Nashville

BY LIZZY ASAD & AVA BONEY
Arts and Entertainment Editors

Festival Name	Genre(s)/Notable Artists	Venue and Date (s)	Facts	Bear Reviews
	Pop, Alternative, Rock, Hip-Hop, World, etc. Billy Joel, Twenty One Pilots, Alabama Shakes	Great Stage Park Manchester, TN June 11-16	-Founded in 2002 by four college students seeking to pay off student loans -First Bonnaroo festival was hailed as one of the "50 moments that changed rock and roll" by Rolling Stone	"It was amazing! The people are amazing - I would trust anyone at bonnaroo with my life. Also, the music was amazing." - Junior Georgia Weathers
	Alternative Rock, Punk Rock, Pop Paul McCartney, The Weekend, Charli XCX, Marina and the Diamonds	Grant Park, Chicago July 29 - July 31	-Founded in 1991, Lollapalooza originally acted as a farewell tour for the band Jane's Addiction. -"Lolla" remains one of the only touring festivals in United States and Canada.	"There were so many different genres of music playing at one venue and all the attendees could connect over their love for the artist!" - Junior Sydney McSharry
	Rock, Punk, Metalcore Pierce the Veil, Riff Raff, The Wonder Years, Black Veil Brides	Wedgewood Ave. July 1	-founded by Kevin Lyman in 1995 -Known for its ability to launch emerging artists (examples include Katy Perry and Fall Out Boy) -largest music festival in the United States.	"I enjoyed the music - but I also loved the people...If you fell in the pit, they would pick you right back up." - Sophomore Elizabeth Massey
	Alternative, Pop, Electronic, Country Elle King, Lennon and Maisey, Passion Pit, Shakey Graves, Moon Taxi	Public Square Park August 20, 27 September 3, 10, 11, 12	- Founded in 2009 - Produced by Lightning 100 - Has hosted over 70 artists - FREE to the public	"I'm excited because the lineup is really good this year and because Moon Taxi is coming back." - Junior Emmie Wade

Praise for 'Emma!'

BY LIZZY ASAD
Arts and Entertainment Editor

"Emma! A Pop Musical" is a show that is not to be missed. From the unexpected soulful jock number to the powerhouse computer geek anthem, every cliché of high school is reimagined and reborn through the use of music. Although "High School Musical" and "Glee" are both over, you still can experience the magic of school and song through this year's Fall Musical.

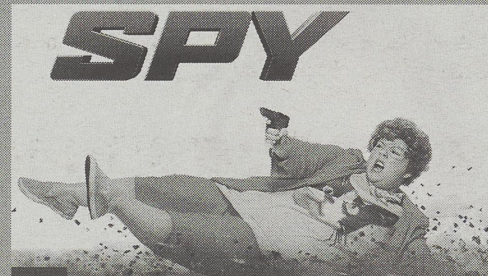
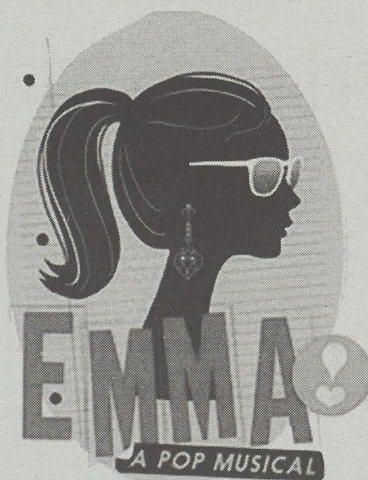
Based loosely on the Jane Austen novel, "Emma!" follows the senior Emma (senior Eliza Trost) and her quests for matchmaking the ultimate couple. Emma is determined to find the perfect boyfriend for eager sophomore Harriet (sophomore Charlotte Staggs) before her time at Highbury ends. Additionally, the musical's cast follows senior Jeff Knightley (MBA junior John Fioravanti), Emma's good friend who also harbors a secret crush on her, rockstar Frankie Churchill (MBA senior Jackson Wooten), who may or may not cause all the girls at Highbury Prep to embrace their inner fangirl and Jane Fairfax (junior Kat Trotman), the new girl who, although an heiress, is known to be troublesome.

One of the musical's most interesting attributes includes its diverse lineup of pop music. According to the musical's writer Eric Price, Emma's "overall idea from the beginning was to assemble a unified score from material by iconic female singers and legendary girl groups...[t]he situations, the language, the attitudes in these songs—in fact, in all the songs in our show—are total outgrowths of what Jane Austen invented two hundred years ago." Viewers can expect everything from Whitney Houston's "How Will I Know?" to Katy Perry's "Roar" in the musical. Although the musical direction concept may seem jarring, all of the songs featured in "Emma!" flow clearly in combination with the script and character description. The decision to feature

pop music in the musical actually makes the show much more enjoyable, as audience members can sing along to the famous tunes. However, two original songs ("Bad Bad Crush" and "Make A Match For You") are present in the show for more traditional musical connoisseurs.

According to junior Ella McKenzie (who serves as Emma's assistant stage manager), a normal day of rehearsal includes hours of learning choreography, practicing blocking and running vocals. As a techie, Ella is also responsible for taking rehearsal notes, answering questions, and locating props. The entire cast and tech crew have been working on Emma! since July 27. The amount of work and effort put into perfecting the musical by actors and techies alike shows the amount of dedication put into any theatre production.

The Harpeth Hall Playmakers and MBA Players will present Emma! A Pop Musical at 6:30 p.m. from Sept. 2 - 4 and at 2 p.m. on Sept. 5 in Harpeth Hall's Frances Bond Davis Theatre.



Movie Night

BY SHAYE HENDRICKS
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Melissa McCarthy has outdone herself yet again with her James Bond spoof, "Spy." As she teams up again with Paul Feig, director of "Bridesmaids" and "The Heat," there is no question that this dynamic duo is a gift from the comedic gods. Whether it be the never ending costume changes or lethal weapons disguised as stool softeners, this summer comedy will have you peeing your pants laughing.

McCarthy plays Susan Cooper, a desk jockey at C.I.A headquarters who is the eyes and ears of the dashing agent, Bradley Fine (Jude Law). However, when Bradley is assassinated during one of his missions, Susan is thrown into the big leagues and undergoes a number of undercover missions in a wide range of unassuming disguises such as a homophobic aunt, mother of four and an owner of ten cats. Facing the challenge of taking down Bulgarian arms dealer (Rose Byrne) and Al Qaeda-connected terrorist (Bobby Cannavale) creates the perfect combination high-speed chases and raunchy dialogue between Byrne and McCarthy.

Overall, this was McCarthy's best comedy yet. If you are looking for both action and a great belly laugh, this is undoubtedly the movie for you.

Setting bar high and looking ahead

BY KELSEY KAY HERRING

Sports Editor

As the rest of her classmates begin the college process, junior Lauren Bars already knows where she will end up. Over the summer Lauren committed to play volleyball at the University of Mississippi, known as Ole Miss. She answered a few questions for Logos about her recruiting process and college decision.

How long have you played volleyball?

I started in seventh grade at school, and played club at fourteen. I made the "B Team" at St. Bernard but my coach taught me to love the sport.

You are a setter for the volleyball team. How did you become a setter?

My cousins played volleyball, and my aunt told me that I should be a setter because of my height and athleticism. My first year of club, I made the team as a setter but then got switched to a middle blocker. However, the next three years, I went back to the setter position and stayed there.

Can you describe the recruitment process before you knew that Ole Miss was the place for you?

I was very lucky to have had three older brothers go through the recruiting process. I knew it would involve visiting schools and talking with a lot of coaches. The majority of the volleyball recruiting comes from club volleyball tournaments. College coaches line up around the court and will watch and take film of potential players.

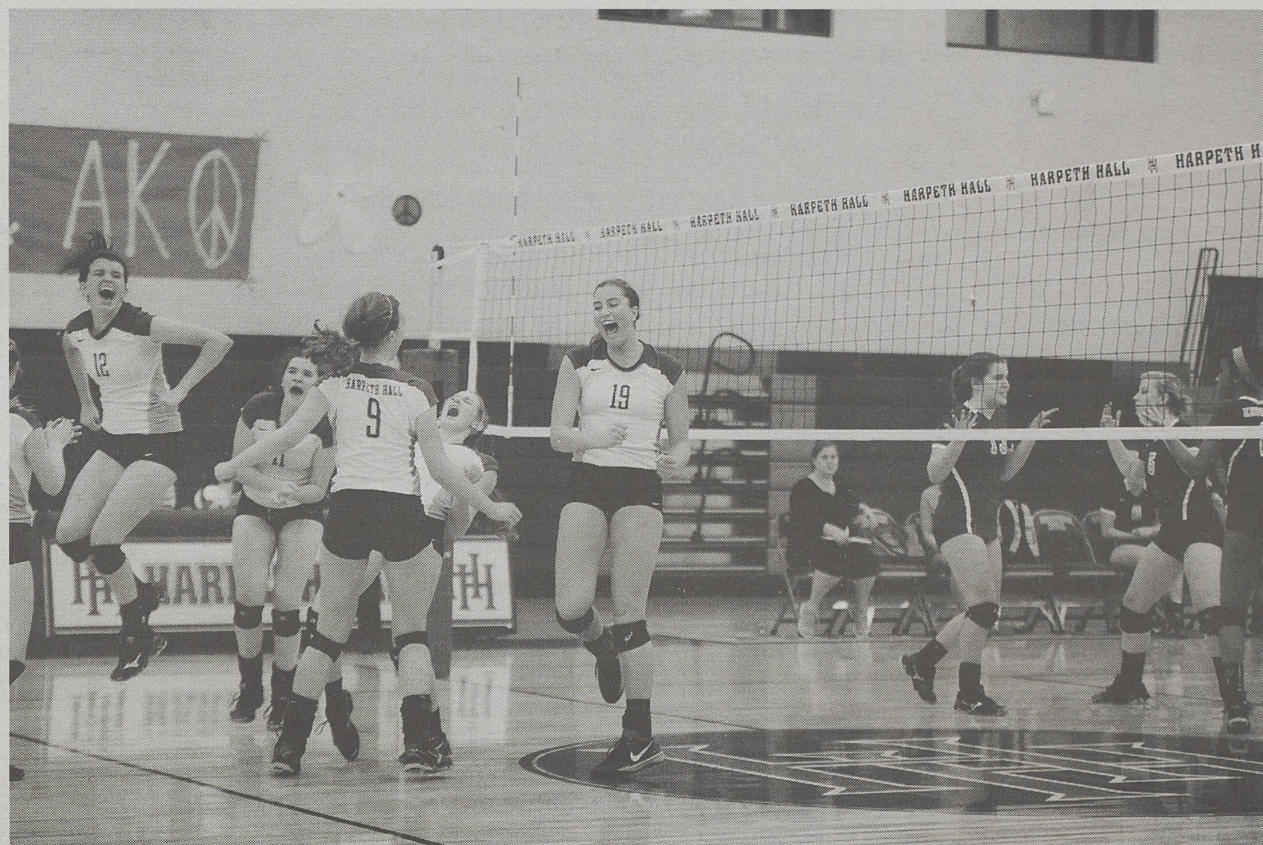
Why Ole Miss?

I love everything about Ole Miss. It's a perfect fit for me! The Ole Miss coaching staff and my future teammates are amazing and focused on dominating the SEC. Ole Miss has solid academics, the campus is beautiful, and a vibrant student body.

Are you excited and/or nervous about playing a sport in college?

Excited! I may have a few jitters, but overall I'm super excited!

What does the school season look like from here? (as in, will Ole Miss watch you play etc.)



REACHING NEW HEIGHTS: Bars (center) and teammates celebrate after winning a point Photo Courtesy of HH Photo Library

I would love for them to come see Harpeth Hall but college volleyball season is the same time as high school season... so we'll see!

How do you think this school season as a honeybear will go?

I'm very excited for the season! I think we have a lot of talent, grit and athleticism. I think we'll have a great season!

Now that you've been recruited, how do you plan to go from here in terms of training?

I've always worked hard, and I will give 100% throughout the year in every aspect of volleyball and training. I'm never satisfied with just being "okay," so I will continue to train with Coach Romero and learn new skills.

In terms of academics, how will you go about the college process even though you have chosen your college?

In the classroom, I'm just as hardworking as I am on the court. I'll always keep my grades up. Even though I could slack off, I'm not that type of person, and I will strive to achieve my academic goals.

Bearacudas swim into spotlight

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At first glance, Alex Walsh, Ella Nelson and Julia Jane Eskew are normal Harpeth Hall eighth, ninth and tenth graders, respectively. However, these girls spend much of their time in a different setting.

All three girls swim for Nashville Aquatic Club (NAC) and the Harpeth Hall swim team. In a recent NAC Summer Sizzler held in late June, they put on an impressive swimming display. They qualified for the 2016 Olympic Trial, Walsh in the 100 backstroke and 200 backstroke and Nelson in the 200 breaststroke. Eskew breast-stroked

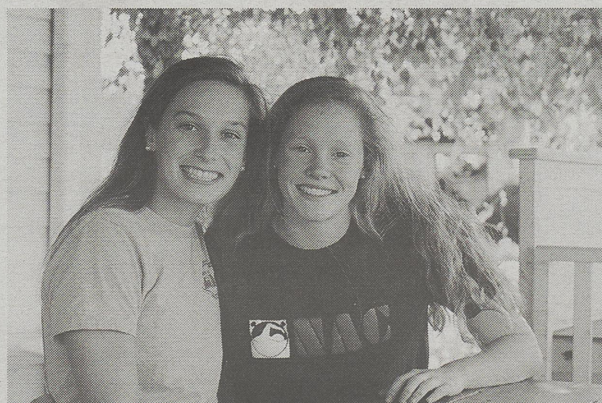
her way into her first Summer Junior National cut. Finally, Harpeth Hall alumna Elizabeth Stinson qualified for the 800-meter and 400-meter freestyle.

Walsh, Nelson and Eskew also participated in the 2015 USA Swimming Junior Nationals. Walsh swam the third fastest time ever for 13 to 14-year-olds in the women's 200 IM, winning her another Olympic Trial cut. Walsh, Nelson, Allie Raab and Eskew teamed up to win the women's 400 medley relay.

Walsh and Nelson are going on yet another swimming adventure together. According to StyleBlueprint, "Alex Walsh and Ella Nelson were born just days apart, in late July 2001. A few weeks ago, on the same weekend and at the same swim meet, they both qualified for the Olympic swim trials 2016, which will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, over eight days: June 26-July 3, 2016." Due to the swim meets discussed above, the friends are two out of five to have qualified for the Olympic swim trials in 2016. They plan to continue to compete for positions in other events before the trials.

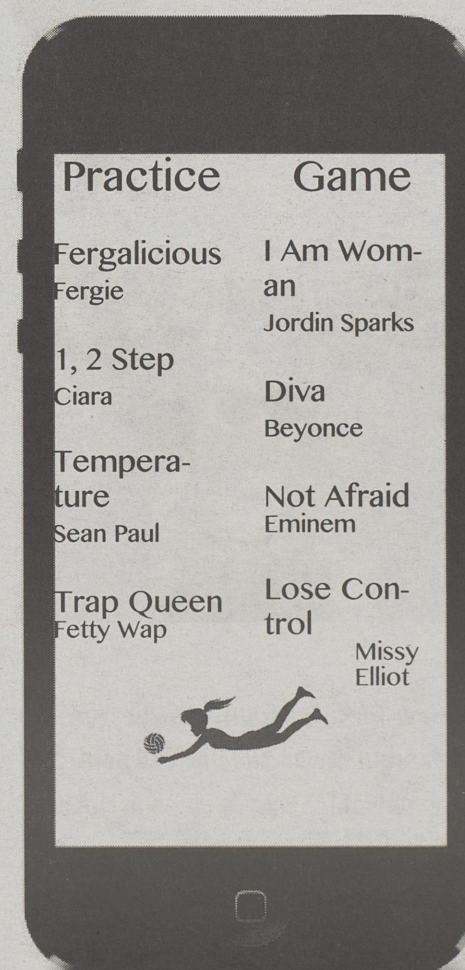
Their fellow swimmers are excited to have this tour de force on the team this year. Junior Corinne Brian said, "I think the whole team has high hopes for them. I think we all have heard how great their times are."

The Harpeth Hall community looks forward to cheering on these young bearacudas in their future endeavors.

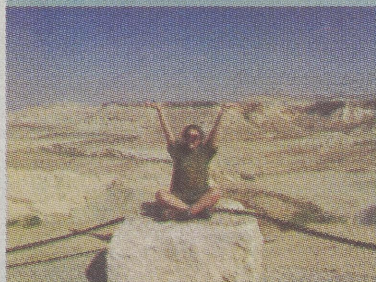


BEARACUDA BEST FRIENDS: Walsh and Nelson share a friendship in and out of the pool. Photo Courtesy of Leila Grossman of Grannis Photography

Team iPod: Volleyball



HoneyBears' Holidays



1. "My trip to Israel provided me with a valuable opportunity to gain new perspectives on a country halfway across the world. I climbed a mountain in the Negev desert, rode a camel, spent the night in a Bedouin tent, floated in the Dead Sea, and connected with my religion. It was an amazing experience and I can't wait until I can go back!" - Junior Vivian Herzog



2. "Oh, how terribly amazing Alaska was! It was full of both dreadful long treks that left my feet lacking skin on them and pristine landscapes only seen in the movies." - Senior Eleanor Smith



3. "New York: the food, the lights, the energy! It was the perfect summer vacation!" - Senior Hannah Huth



4. "My vacation was great! It was filled with high humidity, sweat, and I was able to observe an insect species up close—just kidding, those were mosquitoes and I stayed in Nashville." - Senior Catherine Baker



5. "This summer I traveled to New Zealand with Paige Derwenskus and Ms. Kelly Broderick as part of the New Zealand Exchange program. Paige and I got to catch up with our exchange sisters, attend a boarding school, explore the beautiful country, and even got to try something I've always wanted to do: skydive." - Junior Olivia Krueger

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